

INVERKIP AND WEMYSS BAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Thursday 5th September 2013 at 7.00pm
Inverkip Primary School

Present: Eileen Virtue (Chair), Jean Anderson (Secretary), Robert McKenzie (Treasurer), David Adams; Isobel Rennie, Paul Cassidy, Cliff Lyons, Alison Clark, Tracy Bunton, Liz McKenzie

2. Apologies for absence: none

In attendance: Cllr. L. Rebecchi; Cllr. I. Nelson; Cllr G Dorrian; Sgt. S. Anderson; one member of the public.

3. Police Matters

3.1 Police Report

Sgt. Anderson provided a report for period 10.7.13 – 6.8.13. He 14 crimes were reported representing 2.1% of Inverclyde crime. Local initiatives include participation in a national public consultation. The team has 75 forms to be completed during interviews with residents to capture concerns and issues to identify community opinion to inform future police coverage. Sgt Anderson confirmed enquiries are continuing into the break in and damage to Everton Scout camp and similar to incidents at Bongio's and the water treatment plant.

Paul asked about how illegal parking at the junction of Ardgowan Road and Brueacre Road. Sgt Anderson asked calls are made to 101 with a note of registration numbers. Efforts will be made to deploy officers at busy periods. An officer will be in attendance on 11.9.13 and at Mount Stewart Drive on 6.9.13. Offer was made to issue letters in conjunction with the primary schools.

Liz wished to acknowledge the prompt response to a recently reported incident at Everton.

Community Council Partnership Briefing covering the period 10.7.13 – 6.8.13 is attached **Appendix 2**.

4. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 1 August - Matters Arising

4.1 New Notice Boards

Land ownership and planning permission requirements are being investigated:

ACTION: Cullen Crescent - opinion will be requested by Eileen through the residents association.

ACTION: Langhouse Road – Eileen/ Jean will ask minister regarding seeking permission from Church of Scotland.

ACTION: Eileen to email all 3 councillors with a note of notice board dimensions who will find out if planning permission is needed.

Minutes proposed as accurate by Alison Clark and seconded by Jean Anderson.

5.0 Pavement and Road Condition

5.1 Langhouse Road

Cllr Dorrian informed that Inverclyde Council's pursuance of the Bank to confirm they have instructed remedial works continues.

ACTION: Monitor progress of works at the top of Langhouse Road including Langhouse Mews - ongoing

5.2 Other Roads Related Matters

Jean reported that she reported that overhanging vegetation on A78 at the Sainsbury's junction has been reported to Transerv and home owners are being approached to tackle overhanging vegetation around their property.

Cliff reported overhanging vegetation surrounding the speed/ school warning sign on Main Street, Inverkip.

6.0 Secretary Report and Correspondence

Jean provided the following report:

- Receipt of a variety of IC committee reports; all were reminded agendas and supporting papers can be found on IC website.
- Jean will reply to an enquiry from IC Corporate Communications asking for a note of community Christmas events for an upcoming directory. Jean will reply that the only events are the Christmas lights switch-ons and will request the planned date to allow a booking to be made for the children's entertainer.
- Arrangements will be made after the meeting to dispose of obsolete documentation and transfer remaining documents from the outgoing to the new secretary.
- School lets are booked until the December meeting.

ACTION: Jean to reply to IC Christmas community event directory requesting a note of the date of the Christmas lights switch on.

ACTION: Arrangements to be transfer archived paperwork to new secretary

ACTION: Jean to book Wemyss Bay Primary for November meeting

7.0 Planning Matters

7.1 New Applications

1. Wemyss Bay Retail Units: it was noted that local retailers plan to object. The application was discussed and it was agreed that comments will be submitted on behalf of IWBCC. Comments will include concern about site access.

ACTION: Eileen to submit comments relating to Wemyss Bay retail units planning application.

2. Leitchland Farm Wind Turbine – Ardgowan Estate application: the application was discussed and concerns were raised about impact on the environment. After lengthy discussion a vote was cast to obtain support for the application, 7 voted against and it was agreed that an objection would be submitted.

ACTION: Eileen to submit objection to Leitchland Farm wind turbine application.

7.2 Wind Turbines/ Renewable Energy sources

It was agreed that to help community councillors and residents better understand renewable energy a future meeting will be dedicated to this topic with a range of speakers being invited to ensure an informative and balanced discussion.

ACTION: Preparation to be made for Wind Turbines/ Renewable Energy sources meeting.

8.0 Treasurer's Report

Robert provided the following report:

- Bank account balance is £1305.09 with no outgoings since the last meeting nor bills to be paid
- IC have informed the grant for 2013/14 amounting to £1031 is due to be released
- Tracy to pass the copy of the approved accounts for 2012/13 prepared by Ron Potter to Robert
- Robert will submit finalised paperwork to the bank.

ACTION: Tracy to pass the copy of the approved accounts for 2012/13 to Robert

ACTION: Robert to submit finalised paperwork to the bank

9.0 Inverkip Community Initiative

Robert reported back from the last meeting on 6.8.13:

- Planning permission will be submitted when a design statement has been prepared by the architects – this is being pursued by the corporate director
- Consultation questionnaire – Robert thanked all for comments received asking for final comments by 12.9.13

Concern was raised about the late formation of the board of directors.

10.0 Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 3 October 2013 at 7pm in Inverkip Primary School.

IWBCC 5.9.13

11.1 Remembrance Day Wreaths

ACTION: Robert to check treasurers paperwork for contact point to order wreaths.

11.2 Inverclyde Carers Meetings

ACTION: David to obtain a poster to display on notice boards

11.3 Seating at Inverkip Main Street Bus Stop

Cliff requested seating at Inverkip Main Street Bus Stop (this matter was not discussed in full).

11.4 Charity Bag Sale

Robert announced an upcoming Charity Bag Sale. He agreed to take a supply of good quality bags held in storage by Liz.

11.5 I.C.E

Cliff reported that ICE is in the process of altering its constitution:

- To support the Inverkip Community Initiative
- To support groups previously supported by ICE

Cliff extended thanks to Eileen and Jean for their efforts over the last 5 years.

11.6 Station Avenue

Jean raised concerns about the level of pot holes, poor condition of pavement and absence of bin on Station Avenue, Robert added concern about Kip Avenue.

ACTION: Jean to email all 3 councillors with a note of concerns about Station Avenue and Kip Avenue.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:15pm

IWBCC ACTIONS SUMMARY – 5 September 2013

ITEM	NEW ACTION FROM MINUTES 5.9.13	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
4.1	Cullen Crescent notice board - opinion to be requested through the residents association	EV	EV Spoke to resident association chair. He does not see any objection. But no formal reply received yet.
4.1	Langhouse Road – seek permission from Church of Scotland	EV/ JA	In progress
4.1	Notice board dimensions to be emailed to all 3 councillors	EV	In progress
4.1	3 councillors to find out if planning permission is needed for notice boards	Cllrs Dorrian, Nelson, Rebecchi	In progress
6.0	Reply to IC Christmas community event directory requesting a note of the date of the Christmas lights switch on.	JA	Complete
6.0	Arrange transfer of archived paperwork to new secretary	EMcK	Complete
6.0	Book Wemyss Bay Primary for November meeting	JA	Complete
7.0	Submit comments relating to Wemyss Bay retail units planning application.	EV	Complete
7.0	Submit objection to Leitchland Farm wind turbine application	EV	Complete
8.0	Copy of the approved accounts for 2012/13 to be passed to Robert	TB	In progress
8.0	Submit finalised paperwork to the bank	RMcK	Complete
11.1	Check treasures paperwork for contact point to order wreaths	RMcK	Complete
11.2	Obtain an Inverclyde Carers Forum poster to display on notice boards	DA	
11.6	Email all 3 councillors with a note of concerns about Station Avenue and Kip Avenue.	JA	Complete
ACTIONS - TO BE COMPLETED FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
1	Jean to report to Roads team about overhanging vegetation on A78	JA	Complete
2	David to contact Scottish Water with details of collapsed water pipes in Wemyss Bay	DA	Complete
3	Jean to email 3 councillors with the proposed locations of 3 new notice boards	JA	Complete
4	Liz to purchase external hard drives and securely destroy archived documentation	EM	Ongoing
5	Liz to write to Charlie Cairns, Inverclyde Council expressing appreciation of Community Service Payback project in Wemyss Bay Woods	EM	Ongoing
6	Monitor progress of works at the top of Langhouse Road including Langhouse Mews	All	Complete
10	Cllr Rebecchi to progress repair to pavement outside Inverkip Church	Cllr Rebecchi	Ongoing
11	David to find out if the Forestry Commission will work with Inverkip Primary	DA	Ongoing

APPENDIX 2

POLICE SCOTLAND



Inverkip and Wemyss Bay
Community Council Partnership Briefing
Inverclyde
From 10th July 2013 to 6th August 2013

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Issues Raised Action Taken Crimes and Activity

For the 4 week period there were a reported **14 crimes**. This accounts for **2.1%** of the total crimes across Inverclyde. This is a reduction of 26% from the same period of the previous year.

Greenock Central	325
Greenock East	68
Larkfield, Braeside and Branchton	56
Port Glasgow West	44
Port Glasgow East	38
Greenock Southwest	38
Holefarm and Cowdenknowes	37
Greenock West and Cardwell Bay	22
Inverkip and Wemyss Bay	14
Gourock	23
Kilmacolm	8

Table 1: Crime reported by Community Council Area

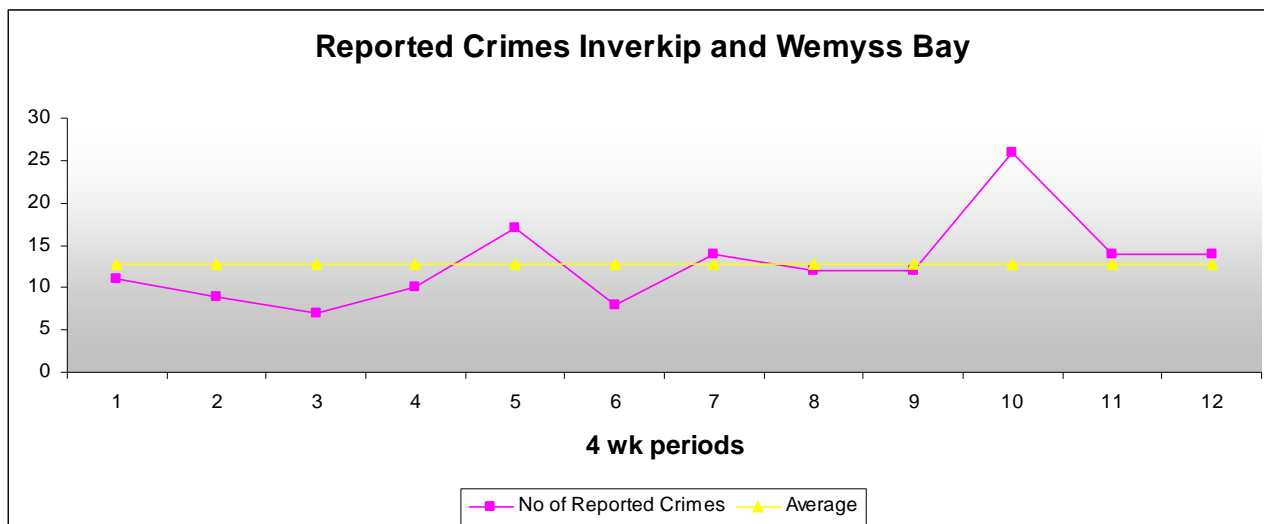


Chart: Total Crimes reported over 4 week periods.

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GROUP 3 - Other Crimes of Dishonesty	4
GROUP 4 - Crimes of Fire Raising, Malicious Mischief etc	1
GROUP 5 - Other Crimes	1
GROUP 6 - Miscellaneous Offences	3
GROUP 3 - Housebreaking (other property)	3
GROUP 7 - Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles	2
Grand Total	14

Table 2: Crime types in the area

Miscellaneous Offences and Other Crimes include; Breach of Peace, Misuse of Drugs, Statutory Breach of Peace, Common Assault
 Other Crimes of Dishonesty include; Theft by shoplifting and Theft not elsewhere classified.
 Crimes of Fire Raising etc include Vandalism.

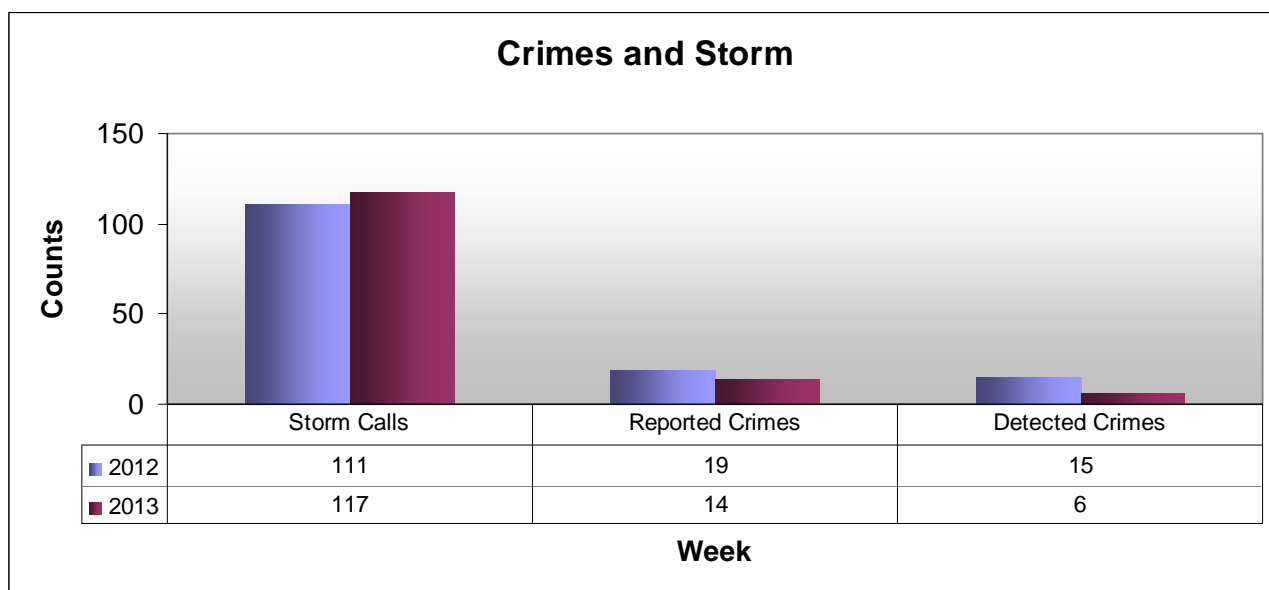


Chart 1: Yearly Change

	2012	2013	Change
Storm Calls	111	117	5%
Reported Crimes	19	14	-26%
Detected Crimes	15	6	-60%
Percentage Detected	79%	43%	

Table 3: Yearly Change Percentages

Road Traffic Incidences

The total of Road Traffic Incidences was **2** for the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area. For the same period last year there were a total of **4**.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Related Incidences

For July there were 3 reported fire incidences; 2 False Alarms (not malicious), 0 deliberate Secondary Fires, 1 Accidental Secondary Fire, 0 Accidental Primary Dwelling Fire, 0 Deliberate Primary Fires and 0 Special Service.

Primary fires generally involve property and include buildings, caravans, motor vehicles and plant and machinery. Secondary fires are often minor and include the burning of rubbish, grass and derelict properties.

Community Warden Reports

There were 13 calls to the Community Wardens Service from Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council area for the same period.

ASB Category	Total
Intimidation/harassment	1
Loitering/pestering residents	1
Nuisance Behaviour	1
Rowdy Behaviour	2
Street drinking	6
Inappropriate sexual conduct	2
Grand Total	13

Campaigns and Initiatives in the area